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## **Advisory Councils to consider what is best health policy for Kansans**

### *Membership for Purchaser, Provider and Consumer Councils chosen*

After receiving nearly 140 applications and nominations, the list of memberships to serve on the three Advisory Councils have been announced. The Purchaser, Provider and Consumer Councils will provide input and recommendations regarding health policy the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) Board is considering.

“We were pleased to see so many people wanting to be involved in these councils. It demonstrates the importance health reform will have on the State,” said Marci Nielsen, PhD, MPH, Executive Director of the Kansas Health Policy Authority Board.

At today’s KHPA Board meeting, the Board members approved the list of members who will advise the Board on issues of health reform and transformation. The Purchaser Council will be responsible for providing significant input on health policy that impacts employers, health insurers, and other purchasers of health and health care services. The Provider Council will give input on health policy that impacts providers and patients, make recommendations on outreach to the provider and the medical communities, and encourage provider participation in public programs. The Consumer Council will provide recommendations to reflect consumer concerns and questions on issues relevant to consumers.

“These Councils will truly be a laboratory of ideas and recommendations for action. Our goal is this to be an open exchange of ideas that reflect the broad perspective of all Kansans gaining input from stakeholders,” said Nielsen.

Forty-one individuals were chosen to participate on the three Councils.

Those persons who were not chosen to serve on the Purchaser, Provider and Consumers Councils will be asked to participate in an At Large Health Reform Council, which was also approved by the Board today. This At Large Council will serve as a sounding board for KHPA health reform initiatives, meeting twice year and participating in coordinated electronic discussions.

### **Purchaser Council**

Bill Bruning, Kansas City  
Brad Clothier, Wichita  
Andrew C. Corbin, Topeka  
Jane Chandler Holt, Topeka  
Valerie L. Keller, Olathe  
David Knocke, CHE, Topeka  
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Jeff Levin, Manhattan  
John Naramore, Lawrence  
Dr. Marla Tobin, Overland Park  
Keith Wisdom, Overland Park

### **Provider Council**

Susan Bumsted, MN, RN, Wichita  
Kara Bell Fiske, Salina  
Karla Finnell, Topeka  
Dr. K. Allen A. Greiner, Kansas City  
Dr. Kevin C. Hoppock, Wichita  
David E. Johnson, Lawrence  
Terry Lambert, Emporia  
William K. Mahoney, FACHE, Parsons  
Dr. Richard Meidinger, Topeka  
Dr. Bert Oettmeier, Stilwell  
Randy Peterson, Wichita  
Elaine Schwartz, Topeka  
Peter E. Stern, Topeka  
Janet Williams, MSW, PhD, Overland Park  
Linda J. Wright, Olathe

### **Consumer Council**

Jane Adams, PhD, Topeka  
Deanne Bacco, Shawnee  
Theola Cooper, Wichita  
Timothy Davis, Hays  
Corrie Edwards, Topeka  
Peggy Johnson, Wichita  
Shannon Jones, Lenexa  
Bruce Linhos, Lawrence  
Rocky Nichols, Topeka  
Alvin I. Penner, North Newton  
Teresa Schwab, LMSW, Lawrence  
Nancy Soeken, Great Bend  
Dinell Stuckey, Derby  
Maury L. Thompson, Chanute  
David Wilson, Overland Park

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